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APPLICANT: Andy Laats, et a..  
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TITLE: STRAP RETENTION SYSTEM AND  
USES THEREFOR

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Transmitted herewith for filing are the following:

1. Reply/Amendment Letter (in duplicate);
2. Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. 1.111(a);
3. Substitute Specification (one clean copy and one copy marked to show changes);
4. Figures 9 - 11 proposed (one sheet); and
5. Return Postcard.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee, including any submitted herewith, if the attached check(s) is in the wrong amount or otherwise improper or missing, that may be due in connection with this and the attached papers, or with this application during its

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May 18, 2004

Respectfully submitted,



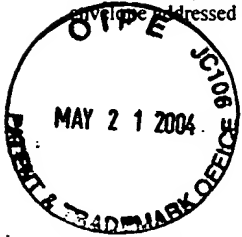
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**PATENT APPLICATION**

Inventor(s): Andy Laats, et al.  
Appl. No.: 09 | 608,985  
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Group Art Unit 3727  
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**REPLY/AMENDMENT/LETTER**

Date: May 18, 2004

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This is a reply/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes the herewith attachment of same date and subject which is incorporated herein by reference and the signature below is treated as the signature to the attachment in absence of a signature thereto.

**FEE REQUIREMENTS FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED**

1. Small Entity claim  
A. ☐ NOT made  
B. ☐ Withdrawn  
C. ☐ made herewith  
D. ☒ made previously  
For B & C See Required Separate Paper (Pat-256)

Claims remaining after amendment	Highest number previously paid for	Present Extra	Large/Small Entity	Additional Fee	Fee Code Lg/Sm
2. Total Effective Claims	12	**minus 20 0	x \$18/\$9 =	+ \$0	1202/2202
3. Independent Claims	3	***minus 3 0	x \$86/\$43 =	+ \$0	1201/2201
4. If amendment enters proper multiple dependent claim(s) into this application for first time (leave blank if this is a reissue application)..... add			+ \$290/\$145 =	+ \$0	1203/2203
5. Original due Date: May 18, 2004 <input type="checkbox"/> NONE					
6. Petition is hereby made to extend the original due date to cover the date this response is filed for which the requisite fee is attached			(1 mo) \$110/\$55 = (2 mos) \$420/\$210 = (3 mos) \$950/\$475 = (4 mos) \$1,480/\$740= (5 mos) \$2,010/\$1,005=	+ \$0	1251/2251 1252/2252 1253/2253 1254/2254 1255/2255
7. Enter any previous extension fee paid since above original due date and subtract			- \$0		
8.			Extension Fee	+ \$0	
9. If Terminal Disclaimer attached, add Rule 20(d) official fee .....			+ \$110/\$55	+ \$0	1814/2814
10. If IDS attached requires Official Fee under Rule 97 (c), ..... add			+ \$180	+ \$0	1806
or if Rule 97(d) Request ..... add			+ \$180		1806
11. After-Final Request Fee per rules 129(a) and 17(r) .....			+ \$770/385	+ \$0	1809/2809
12. No. of additional inventions for examination per Rule 129(b) .....			x \$770/385 ea	+ \$0	1810/2810
13. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) .....			+ \$770/385	+ \$0	1801/2801
14. Petition fee for .....				+ \$0	
15.			<b>TOTAL FEE =</b>	<b>\$0</b>	

16. \*If the entry in this space is less than entry in next space, the "Present Extra" result is "0".  
17. \*\*If the "Highest number previously paid for" in this space is less than 20, write "20" in this space.  
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Our Deposit Account No. 50-2212)  
(Our Order No. 064112 | 064112  
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**CHARGE STATEMENT:** The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee specifically authorized hereafter, or any missing or insufficient fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith or concerning any paper filed hereafter, and which may be required under Rules 16-18 (missing or insufficiencies only) now or hereafter relative to this application and the resulting Official Document under Rule 20, or credit any overpayment, to our Accounting/Order Nos. shown above, for which purpose a duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

This CHARGE STATEMENT does not authorize charge of the issue fee until/unless an issue fee transmittal sheet is filed.

Query: Is appeal deadline now? If so, file Notice of Appeals separately.
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